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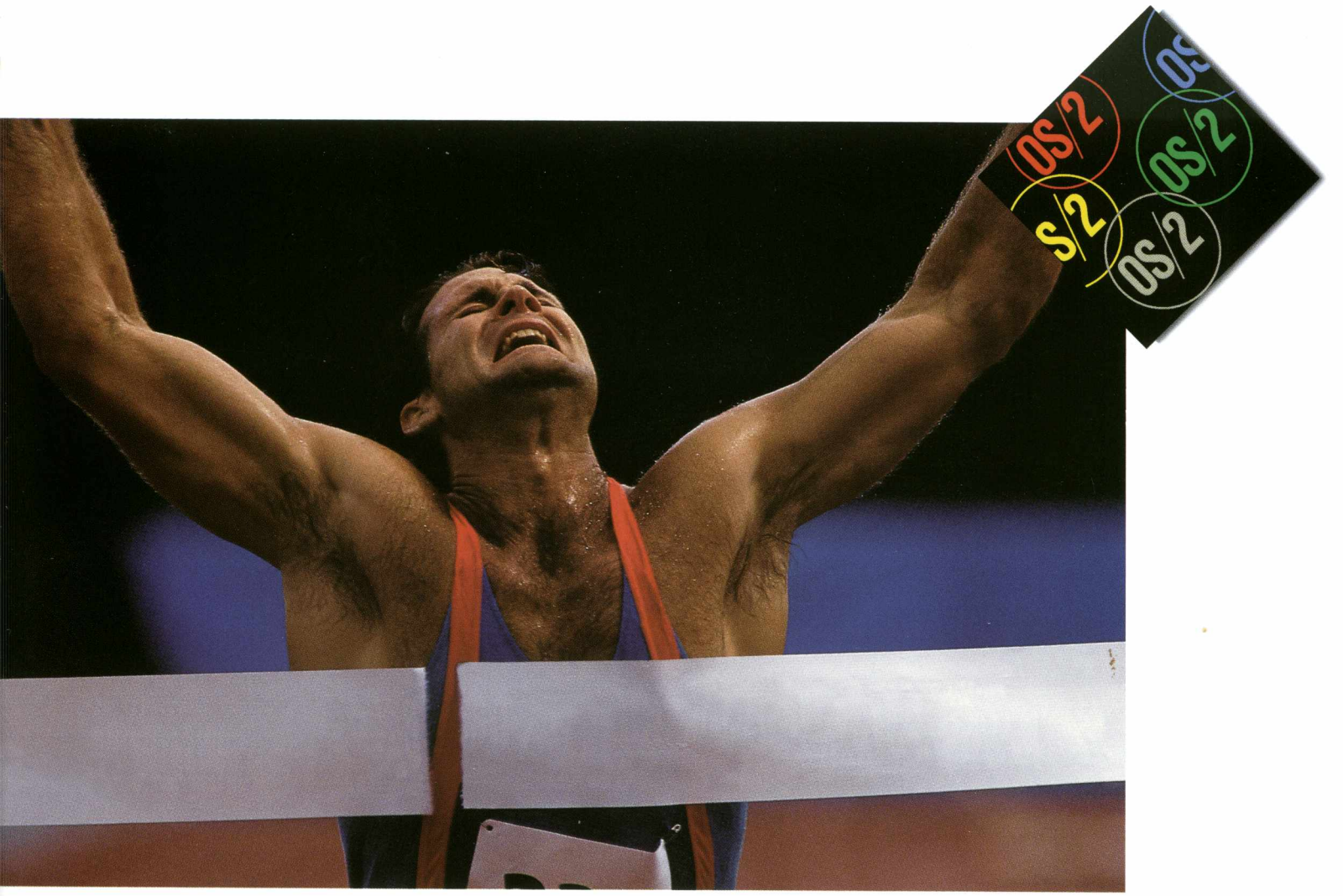
Breaking through



Run with the breakthrough operating system.

Seven ways to break through with OS/2

1. Make the going easy, every step of the way

Get off to a quick, smooth start. Hit full stride and move out front right away. Rise above hurdles with ease—and do it in record time. Stay on track and move steadily ahead.

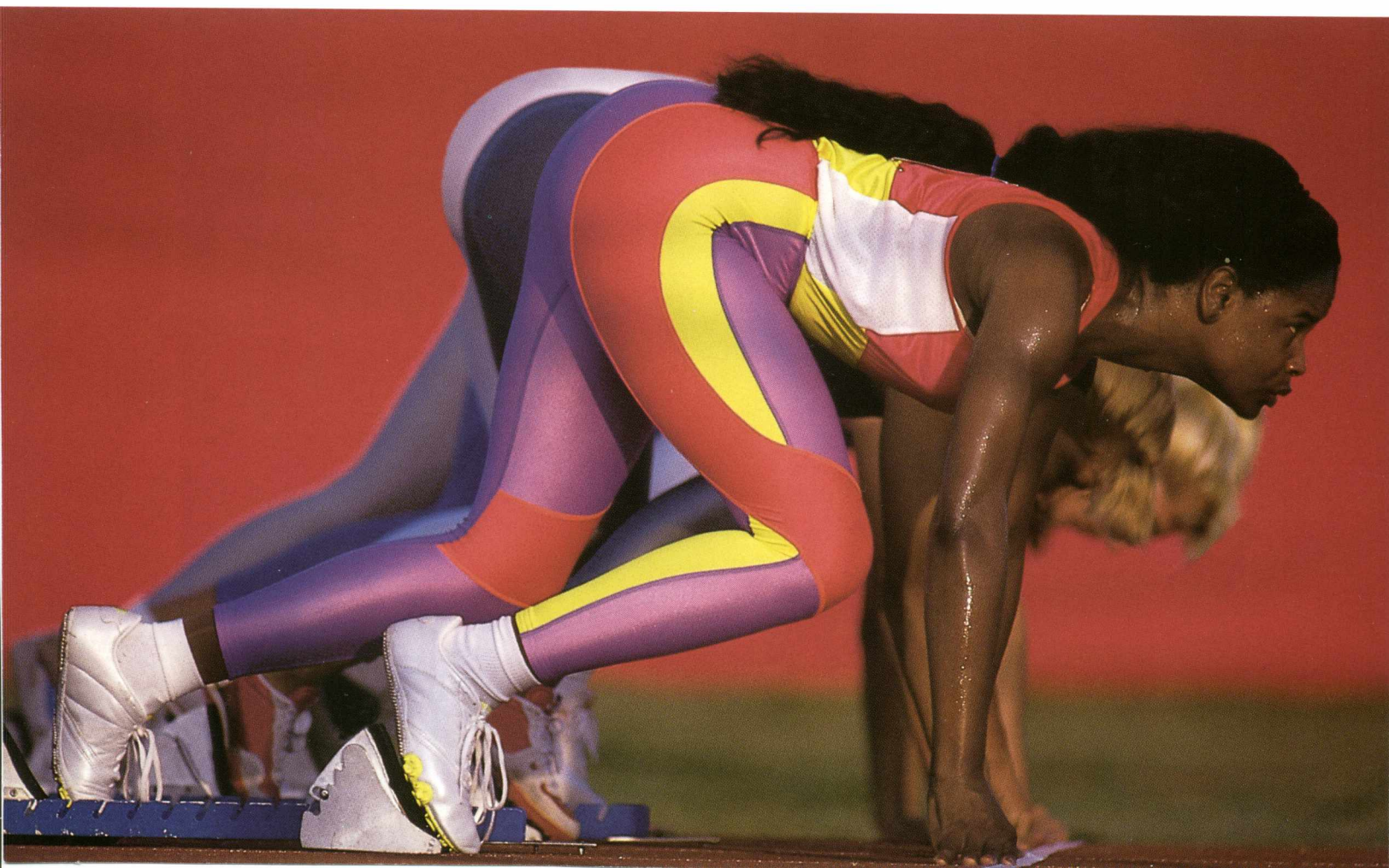
In business and racing alike, that's what it takes to be a winner. And that's why IBM built all the following features into Operating System/2® Version 2.0:

- Graphically guided installation that gets you up and running without delay
- An online tutorial and integrated applets that let you learn the system in a flash
- An iconic "drag and drop" interface that provides guidance—and promotes efficiency—in managing files and programs, printers and drives
- Contextual Help that keeps even the most inexperienced computer users on course

2. Bring your current applications along

If your business is like many others, you're probably using a number of DOS or Windows™-based applications.

You can continue using them—right along with OS/2® 2.0. To preserve your choices and protect your investment, 2.0 provides DOS, Windows and OS/2 support. You can run most applications based on any of these platforms—without need for modification. Even run multiple DOS, Windows and OS/2 applications at once. And benefit from predictable, consistent performance when you do.



3. Pick up the pace—with multitasking

OS/2 2.0 offers true multitasking to increase the pace of your operations and step up productivity. Where other so-called multitasking systems merely enable you to switch among tasks, OS/2 2.0 actually allows you to work on several computing jobs concurrently. So you don't have to wait for one job to finish before proceeding to the next. You can:

- Pull up a file, process a transaction, and update a database—all at the same time
- Do financial modeling in the foreground while, in the background, several different spreadsheet calculations are going on
- Simultaneously communicate with your corporate headquarters, your warehouse and your colleagues down the hall
- Gather facts and figures from multiple outside information services while pulling together presentations and reports

4. Keep on running without a pause

You've seen it happen: One runner takes a tumble, several others trip, and there's a sudden pile-up. It's a lot like what happens when a business application fails and brings several others—or even an entire system—to a sudden halt.

With OS/2 2.0, such scenarios are mighty unlikely. To enhance system integrity, reliability and availability, 2.0 isolates applications from each other and from itself. As a result, if you're multitasking and one program fails, the others can keep right on running. And there's no need to stop and reboot because your system can keep working steadily for you.

5. Pull the best possible performance from your systems

OS/2 2.0 is designed to tap the power of i386™ SX processors and higher. That means it positions you to take advantage of some of the fastest, most efficient processors in the industry today.

These processors can handle 32 bits of information at a turn—compared to the usual 16. OS/2 2.0 matches this power with 32-bit addressability. So, besides other benefits, you can reap the benefit of the advanced computing power you've paid for in your 32-bit systems. You can develop and support sophisticated new applications, for example. And perform many simple operations much faster than before.

Besides better utilizing your processing muscle, 2.0 lets you take advantage of all your available system memory. The same holds true for your high-speed, high-capacity storage devices, including:

- Fast-access SCSI hard disks
- CD-ROM drives
- Rewritable optical disks

6. Go the distance with the OS/2 team

All by itself, OS/2 2.0 can help you make giant strides in your business. Team it with these supplementary IBM software offerings, and you can go further still:

- IBM Extended Services for OS/2 combines enterprise-wide communications and database management capabilities in a high-powered cohesive package
- IBM Local Area Network Server 2.0 provides swift, extra-reliable resource-sharing all around your LAN

7. Benefit from far-reaching IBM strategies

OS/2 2.0, Extended Services and LAN Server are part of SAA™—IBM's plan for smooth integration of applications. It's a plan that offers you consistency and compatibility to reach across a wide range of platforms:

- Desktop to desktop
- Department to department
- Corporate headquarters to branch offices, coast to coast

These powerful software packages are also part of IBM's open systems strategy. Which means, if your computing environment happens to include hardware from other manufacturers, you can still run with the best—the OS/2 team.

Once more around the course...

- Ease of use from start to finish
- Investment protection for the applications you have in place
- True multitasking to step up productivity
- Reliability you can really trust
- Design that taps the latest hardware technology
- OS/2 supplementary software that extends your reach
- IBM strategies for today and tomorrow

All these 2.0 benefits—and many others—help you break through with OS/2 where any other operating system might hold you back. Contact your IBM Authorized Remarketer or IBM marketing representative to learn more about OS/2 2.0. And get ready to raise your computing capabilities to an entirely new level.

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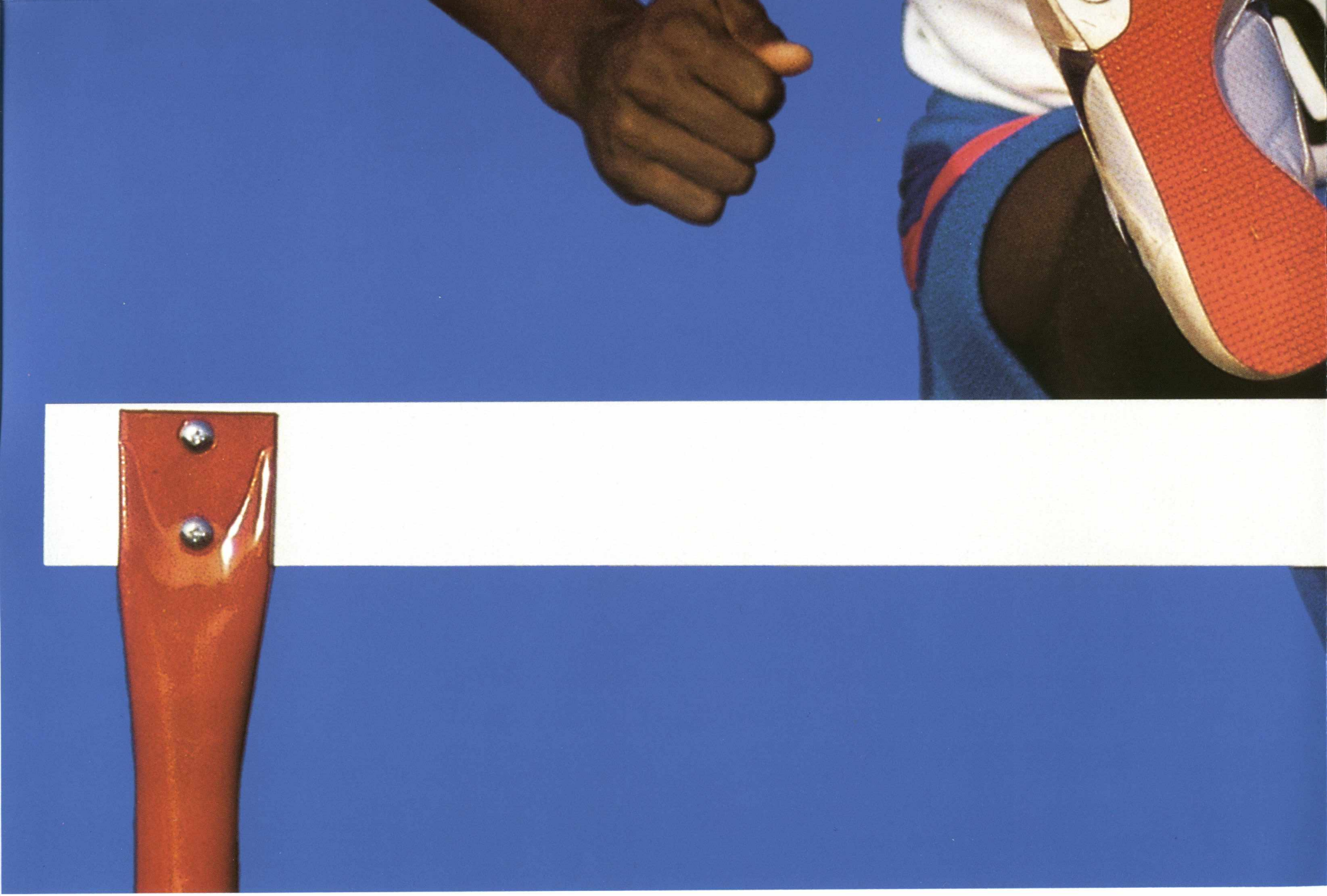

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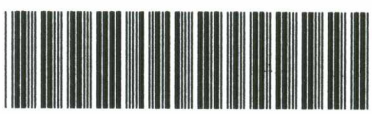

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